



February 26, 2018

Andrew Barnsdale  
Project Manager  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: Monthly Report Summary #3 for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE) Project**

Dear Mr. Barnsdale:

This report provides a summary of the compliance monitoring activities that occurred during the period from **January 1 to 31, 2018**, for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE) Project in Orange County, California. As described below, due to the low level of construction activity, onsite compliance monitoring was not performed during this reporting period to ensure that all project-related activities conducted by San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) and their contractors were in compliance with the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the SOCRE Project, as adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on December 15, 2016.

The CPUC has issued the following Notices to Proceed (NTPs) for the SOCRE Project to SDG&E:

- NTP #1 (October 13, 2017): Geotechnical investigation and hazardous materials abatement at the future San Juan Capistrano Substation.
- NTP #2 (December 18, 2017): Conduct site preparation activities and construction staging at the future San Juan Capistrano Substation.

The Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E & E) compliance team did not complete onsite compliance checks during this reporting period. Onsite compliance checks have been conducted in the past to verify compliance of ongoing site preparation and construction activities. The low level of construction activity during this reporting period did not warrant the need for onsite E & E compliance checks between January 1 and 31, 2018.

Project activities in January 2018 were covered under both NTP #1 and NTP #2 and consisted of minor vegetation removal and cleanup and installation of fencing, screening, and stormwater best management practices (BMPs) in accordance with the SOCRE Project's Construction General Permit. Vegetation removal activities were completed on January 3, 2018. Vegetation was chipped onsite and spread onto the surrounding slopes of the San Juan Capistrano Substation property to increase ground cover and act as an erosion control BMP. Installation of the construction fence and screening material was completed on January 22, 2018.

Project compliance during the January 2018 monitoring period was achieved through regular communication with and reporting by SDG&E, including review of daily reports prepared by SDG&E's Lead Environmental Inspector. Communication between the CPUC/E & E compliance team and SDG&E has been regular and effective. SDG&E has provided daily reports completed by their Lead Environmental Inspector and biological monitor, weekly construction look-ahead summaries, and weekly updates to the SOCRE Project complaint log. SDG&E's monthly environmental compliance report for January 2018 provides a compliance summary and includes a description of construction activities, a look-ahead construction schedule, a summary of compliance with project commitments (mitigation measures [MMs]/applicant proposed measures [APMs]), a summary of

non-compliance incidents and public complaints (as applicable), and a record of SOCRE Project personnel that received safety and environmental awareness training during the reporting month.

Overall, the SOCRE Project has maintained compliance with the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP) based on satisfaction of pre-construction requirements applicable to NTP #1 and NTP #2 and adherence to applicable MMs and APMs.

### **Compliance Incidents**

There were no compliance incidents during January 2018.

### **Public Concerns**

SDG&E received one public complaint during this reporting period. The complaint consisted of a discussion with an adjacent property owner inquiring about perimeter fencing and trees that could be installed to help screen views of the substation from their property.

### **Minor Approvals**

There were no minor approvals during January 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Donaldson".

Joseph Donaldson  
CPUC Compliance Manager, Ecology and Environment, Inc.

cc: Jennifer Kaminsky, Environmental Project Manager, SDG&E